

throughout the county where human habitation exists. There are approximately 1560 homes in the areas identified as high priority by the fire districts. If it is assumed that all of these homes are at high risk, which they may not be, this leaves nearly 5600 homes at high risk throughout the county that are outside the priority areas. This is illustrated in Table 4.

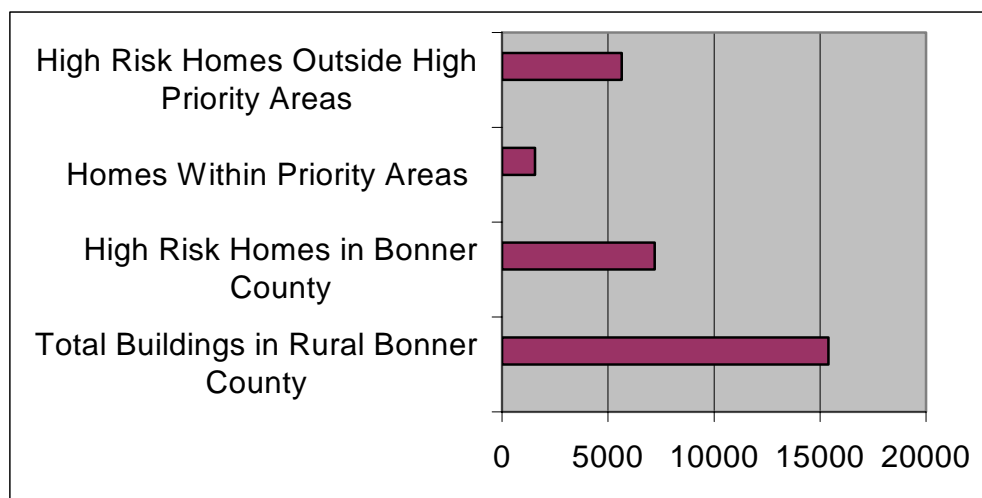


Table 4 Buildings at Risk in Rural Bonner County

PREPAREDNESS ASSESSMENT

The risk assessment would not be complete without an evaluation of existing wildland fire fighting resources, capabilities and overall preparedness. This section of the plan will give the reader an overview of existing planning, fire fighting resources, training, education, and other preparedness issues.

Planning

Bonner County has an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) that provides standard operating procedures in case of a disaster. The EOP adopts the use of the Incident Command System (ICS) to manage disasters. The ICS is used nation wide by both state and federal agencies in the management of disasters. In the Bonner County EOP a warning system is in place that would alert residents to an impending threat from a wildfire and through it's operational guides provides for evacuation procedures.

Fire District Resources

There are 12 fire districts and three (3) City Fire Departments in Bonner County with varying degrees of capability. The fire districts are primarily structure protection oriented and will fight wild fires when homes are threaten. The majority of the fire fighters in the fire districts are volunteers. Following is a list of equipment, personnel, and facilities for each of the fire districts/departments in Bonner County. The size of each district is also included.